

RUBBER PRESIDENT

(Mr. BASS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BASS. Mr. Speaker, I bring to your attention an editorial which appears in today's New Hampshire Union Leader entitled, Rubber President, Here's Bill Clinton, Contortionist Extraordinaire.

The editorial discusses the fact that the President has twice vetoed welfare reform and yet, if I may quote, it says, "Knowing BOB DOLE has scheduled a major speech today on the subject of welfare, Mr. Clinton did an about-face over the weekend to declare his support for Wisconsin's Republican welfare reform plan. Unbelievable."

Governor Tommy Thompson's innovative Wisconsin Works program embodies more reform, a lot more reform, than either of the two bills Mr. Clinton vetoed. But now the President says he thinks Governor Thompson's approach is just peachy.

Republicans should call Mr. Clinton's bluff. They should not let him get away with telling the voters he is for welfare reform while vetoing sensible reform bills. Congress should present him with a welfare reform bill based on the Wisconsin plan and dare him to veto what he says he supports.

That is what we will do today, Mr. Speaker. We are going to introduce a sensible welfare reform bill.

ROLLING BACK THE CLOCK

(Mr. WARD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WARD. Mr. Speaker, the entire Gingrich-Dole Congress that we have seen for the last year and a half has been about one thing: rolling back the clock. Whether it is on Medicare, the environment, educational assistance that we give from the Federal Government, it has been about rolling back the clock.

Here we go again. Now under the guise of raising the minimum wage, which is at a 40-year low in purchasing power, they are in fact going to repeal the minimum wage for millions of American workers.

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Just think of the cynicism that reflects, the opportunity of helping people who are trying to get ahead, people who are playing by the rules and trying to stay off welfare. They are using that as an opportunity to take millions off the protection of the minimum wage.

We only need to remember what the Gingrich-Dole leader of the Congress said. "I will resist a minimum wage increase with every fiber of my being," he said. And do my colleagues know what? What they are doing today makes me sick.

NO MFN FOR BARBARIC PEOPLE
LIKE THIS

(Mr. WOLF asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I have a picture here showing Chinese security forces lining men up and putting pistols in the back of their heads and shooting them, and then they take their kidneys and their cornea for transplantations and sell them to people in the West.

We are going to give MFN to a country like this?

What baffles me is, as a Member who has served in this body during the 1980's when Sakharov was under house arrest, and it was his 75th birthday yesterday, and Sharansky was in Perm Camp 35, no Member of the Congress would have had the courage to come to the well of this House and ask for MFN for the Soviet Union, and yet this administration and this Congress are really going to consider doing that.

Members may not want to hear this, and the administration may not want to hear this. This may be the fundamental moral human rights issue that this Congress has to deal with.

Take a look, Members, and I have the film, the 13-minute film. Call my office, we will bring it by. Lining men up, putting pistols in the back of their head, shooting them, and then taking their kidneys and corneas for transplant. No MFN for barbaric people like this.

REPUBLICAN EXTREME AGENDA
CONTINUES TODAY ON THE MINIMUM WAGE

(Mr. WATT of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WATT of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today we are going to see the rest of the story, the rest of this extreme agenda that the Republican leadership has been playing out all this term of Congress. We have seen it in Medicare, we have seen it in an erosion of occupational safety, we have seen it in an effort to allow the big cats to raid pension plans, we have seen it in wage and hour laws changes, and today we see the rest of the story: They are coming today to try to do away with the minimum wage.

Now they are talking about giving a minimum wage increase, but the truth of the matter is this bill will attempt to repeal the minimum wage for three-fourths, 75 percent, in fact, of the companies in this country, and that is outrageous and unacceptable and extreme.

The rest of the iceberg will be seen today.

INTRODUCTION OF THE BREAST
CANCER DETECTION ACT

(Mrs. VUCANOVICH asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. VUCANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, what is pink, round, was stalled at FDA for 10 years and now can be obtained only by prescription? No; it is not a funny riddle. The sad truth is it describes the sensor pad, an important tool which could be used to aid breast lump detection.

While the FDA has finally approved this product, it is available only by prescription. Instead of paying only \$21.95, women must first go to a doctor to get a prescription, making costs rise substantially. FDA's action restricts access to women who simply cannot afford to go to the doctor unless something is truly wrong.

This year it is expected that 184,300 women will find out that they have breast cancer. Since there is no cure for breast cancer, we must continue to give women encouragement to perform breast self-examinations and take part in other early-detection practices. Today I am introducing the Breast Cancer Detection Act to make this examination aid available. I urge Members to cosponsor this important bill.

GIVE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE
WHAT THEY NEED: A RAISE

(Mr. VENTO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. VENTO. Mr. Speaker, this GOP minimum wage bill is a hoax; it is really indecent. All year long the Republican House and Senate have refused to raise the minimum wage, even to have a vote on it. Now we know why: because Republican leadership, between GINGRICH and DOLE, are devising an excuse, a scheme really, to gut and repeal the existing minimum wage. One step forward, two steps back, a measure which would give a license to the Republican corporate friends to exploit the work force, working families. Working families do not need bait-and-switch. They need, working families do not need, political games. They need a raise. They need empowerment, a wage that takes them above the poverty level, and a Congress that votes for a minimum wage on the level.

Mr. Speaker, the best welfare program is a job and a job that pays a living wage. Let us vote for a clean minimum wage bill and give the American people the type of empowerment that working families need: self-sufficiency with an adequate living wage so they can take care of themselves.

PRESIDENT OUTRAGEOUSLY
CLAIMS HE IS COVERED BY THE
SOLDIERS AND SAILORS RELIEF
ACT

(Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)